An Exact ACCOUNT Of the taking by Storm THE English Town of *ATHLONE*, *June* the 21*st*.

In a Letter from Dublin June *the* 23*th*.

ON the Nineteenth, about 3 in the Morning, our Advanc'd Guards began to March from *Balliburne*, toward *Athlone*, and by 9 Beat the Enemy into the Walls of the Town on this side the River, out of some Ditches they seem'd to Dispute; our Men lodging themselves in the Ditches; We Planted Three Guns on the Ford, on that side of *Athlone* toward *Lanesborough*, and played all day on a Breastwork the Enemy had above it: About Six in the Morning our Cannon came up, and Nine Guns of Eighteen Pounders were drawn to a Battery, raised between *Iske*r, and *Athlone*: This Night came up and joyn'd us the Party sent from *Balliburne* to *Lanesborough*, under Command of the Lord *Lisburn*.

The 20*th*, at 7 in the Morning, the Battery was finish'd, and Nine Eighteen Pounders mounted; at 8 they began furiously to play on a Bastion that defended the Curtain between the *Dublin Gate* and the *River*, and by 12 made a Breach the whole breadth of the Bastion, on which they continued to play, to hinder the Enemy from making any work within the Breach: About 3 in the Afternoon, the General gave Orders for all things to be made ready, to Storm that part of the Town on this side the River; which was put in Execution about five. He detach'd 500 Granadiers, sustain'd by several Regiments of Foot, and a good Body of Horse; a Lieutenant of *Camboon*'s Regiment Headed the

the first Party of Granadiers, who from under the Cover of a Hill, about 400 yards from the Town, advanc'd a good pace, and the Lieutenant with that Party of the Granadiers, came to the Breach, the Enemy Firing briskly against them, all which hindered our Men advancing, who without firing one Shot, came up to the Breach, and threw in their Granadoes; which so frighted the Enemy, that they quitted their Walls; and fled to the Bridge: Our Men got over the Breach, pursued them Bravely, and possess'd themselves of the Church. The Brave Brigadier *Steward* Commanded the Attacque, as he did the Trenches the Night before, and pursued the Enemy to the Bridge, with his Sword hewing the Enemy; and the Men throwing Granadoes among them, Kill'd a great many; and great numbers, to avoid the fury of our Souldiers, leaped into the *Shannon*, and there Perish'd.

Brigadier *Steward* was shot in the Right Arm. We lost few Men in the Attack, and few wounded: The Enemies loss is uncertain. We made a Lodgment at the Foot of the Bride, where we cover'd our selves with Tachines, and made a Work; and this Evening drew off our three Guns from the Ford, and the nine Guns from the Battery, into the Town. This Morning the eleven Guns, and three Mortars, left at *Ballihurno*, were sent for. In this Action, all our Men behaved themselves with great Resolution and Bravery, to the General's great satisfaction. Lieutenant Colonel *Kirk*, of Brigadier *Villiers* his Regiment, was shot dead by a Cannon Ball from the Castle, as he lay on a Hill to see the Action.

From *Cork*, of the 19th. they write, that 1500 of the Army and Militia, with four Field-Pieces of Cannon of 24*l*. Ball, under the Command of the Lord Justice *Cox*, and Colonel *Hastings*, Marched towards *Ballicloph*, a Garrison of the Enemies, and as the Letters came away, say, an Account came of some Action, and some Hundreds of the Enemies being kill'd: but the particulars do not tell us,

The Militia has likewise been scouring the Bog of *Allen*, and have kill'd several Raparees.

This is what is worth notice, since my last has come to the knowledge of

Your most Obedient

Servant, &c.

LONDON.

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